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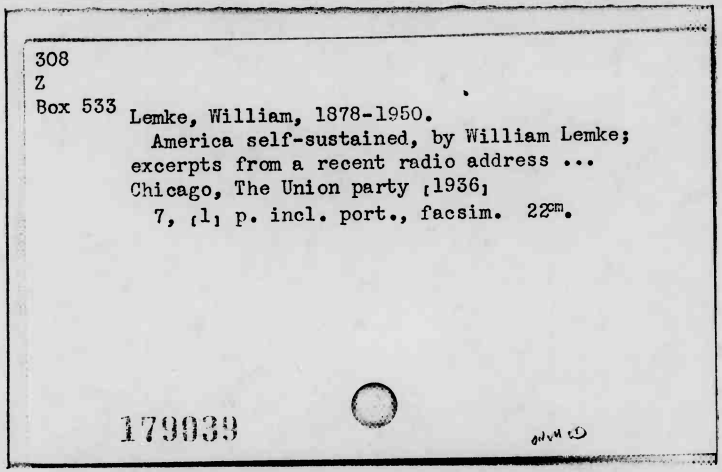
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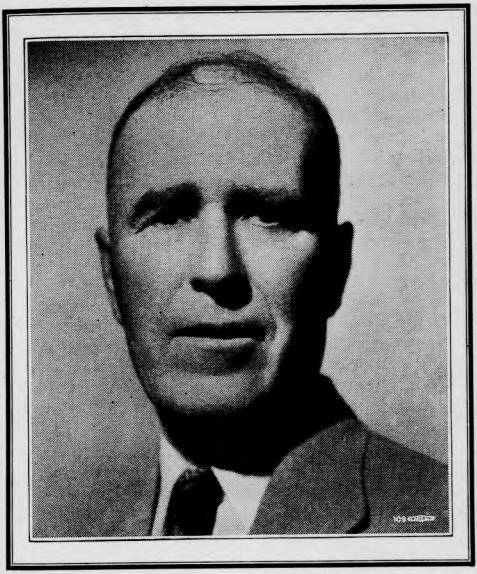

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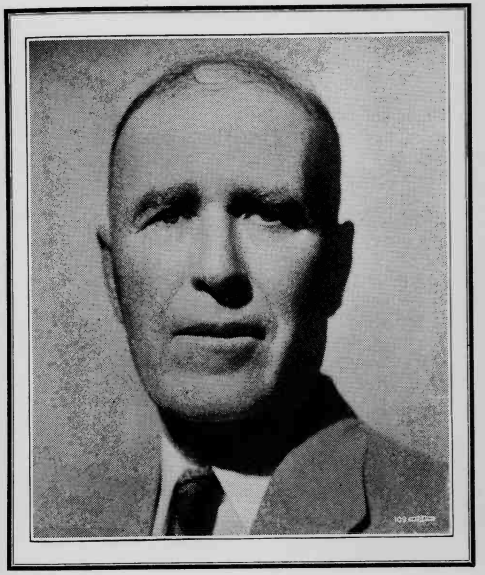

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By WILLIAM LEMKE
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THE administration at Washington, through the Department of Agriculture under Secretary Wallace, is still engaged in destroying and restricting agricultural production in the midst of hunger, want and rags. It still believes that there is overproduction while every intelligent person knows that our problem is under-consumption and maldistribution — that in fact there is a scarcity. On the other hand, our Department of State under the present administration is still selling the American farmer and American labor in foreign market places.

This is done by means of the so-called "reciprocal trade agreements." These agreements are largely suggested by the international bankers and manufacturers who have investments in foreign countries, and who now desire that the American people should pay those investments indirectly, by permitting the balance of trade to be against them sufficiently, in the words of Henry Wallace, "to service the foreign debt." These two departments of Government are now engaged, one in restricting and destroying agricultural production, and the other in entering into trade agreements with other nations. Agreements in which the best interests of this nation and of our people are entirely forgotten.

BANKERS BEHIND TARIFF SCHEME

Congress passed the reciprocal tariff law, which gave to the President the right, by agreement with foreign nations, to reduce tariffs 50 per cent. The Constitution provides that the President "shall have power, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, providing two-thirds of the Senators present concur * * *." This law attempts to take authority from the Senate, and lodge the entire power with the President. It was passed largely because the American Manufacturers Export Association (financed by the Chase and City National Banks of New York, and by international manufacturers, such as General Motors and the International Harvester Co.), through a well-organized lobby and publicity machine, succeeded in misleading the majority in Congress.

That same Congress also passed a bill creating [illegible] zones within our country at important ports of

entry where the foreign nations can store their agricultural and manufactured products within our borders for one year, without paying any duty, thus putting our foreign competitors in a position to flood our markets with their commodities at the opportune moment — at the expense of the American farmer and producer.

As a result of this un-American policy our country is now being flooded with foreign agricultural and manufactured commodities as never before in its history, commodities produced under living conditions of the lowest possible standard. We have restricted the immigration of European races and have excluded the Asiatic races in order to protect our American standard of living. But we import, under trade agreements and otherwise, hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of manufactured articles from Asiatic nations, articles produced in human slavery and human misery.

CHALLENGE TO BUREAUCRATS

We have millions on federal relief and on a disguised dole system and millions out of employment, and yet we import the very things that these men and women should be producing under an American standard of living — not under an Asiatic standard. Why prevent our own people who are in want and misery from producing and manufacturing these articles in order to enrich a few importers and international dealers? We submit that this is the work of madmen. It is the work of men who know not what they are doing, and who do not understand the foundation upon which the greatness of this Nation has been built. It is the work of bureaucrats who lack vision, and of incompetents. We challenge not only the fallacy of this policy, but we challenge its continuation.

It is self-evident that we cannot borrow or tax ourselves out of the depression, nor can we buy ourselves into prosperity by buying agricultural and manufactured products from other nations which our own people ought to and can produce. Everyone knows that we cannot satisfy hunger, want and poverty by scarcity. We cannot restrict or destroy ourselves into recovery.

HOW BANKRUPTS ARE MADE

A farmer who is capable of producing all he needs but who persists in destroying or otherwise restricting his production to part of his needs only, and then sells on credit what he produces to a bankrupt neighbor, and buys for cash what he needs from that same neighbor, will ultimately himself become a bankrupt. A manufacturer who has all the material

and equipment to supply his own wants, but who buys part of the things that he is equipped to manufacture himself, and then sells his own products on credit to a bankrupt concern will in turn become a bankrupt.

Likewise a nation that destroys and restricts production so that it may buy from foreign and bankrupt nations, and then insists on selling its own products to these same nations on credit, will in the end become a bankrupt. In other words, a nation that insists upon buying products which its own people can, and should produce, and then sells its own labor and natural resources on credit to other nations who already owe more than they are able to pay, cannot long succeed. Neither can it maintain a high standard of living when it forces its people to compete with the low standard of orientals. We repeat, the American farmer, manufacturer, and laborer cannot compete with the serf, peon, or oriental laborer of foreign countries who is satisfied with a bowl of rice, and who manages to get by without shoes, covers his body with about 50 cents' worth of rags, and lives under the most insanitary conditions. We maintain that our American standard requires us to eat, drink, wear, and buy American products — America for Americans!

ROBBING AMERICAN PEOPLE

The absurdity of the administration policy is shown when we realize that during the past year, 1935, we imported $2,038,638,000 worth of foreign goods. About $1,579,443,000 of this amount represents agricultural imports and substitutes. These figures are so large, so staggering, that it is hard for us to comprehend what they really mean. We are now so accustomed to talking of millions and billions, that we feel as if we were talking about mole hills, in place of mountains.

It is only about a billion minutes since the day that Christ was born, and yet we import foreign goods in one year to the amount of approximately $2,038,638,000. This vast and incomprehensible sum, if it were equally distributed among the 125,000,000 people of this Nation, would mean $17 for every man, woman and child.

This gives us some idea of the extent to which our domestic markets are being sold to international horse traders, at the expense of the great mass of American people, in order to please a few international manufacturers and international bankers.

LET HOMEFOLKS SUPPLY NATION'S WANTS

If the $2,038,638,000 that we spent last year in foreign countries for agricultural and manufactured

products had been spent in our own country, fewer of our people would be unemployed and less on a dole system. Every dollar spent to buy articles produced or manufactured by cheaper labor abroad, is lost to the American people forever, and means a lower standard of living. Out of these total imports, all but perhaps $80,000,000 was spent for agricultural or manufactured products which could and should have been produced by ourselves. We, rather than the people of foreign countries, should have been given the opportunity to supply our Nation's wants.

This $2,038,638,000 paid for foreign imports, spent at home and used as a revolving fund, would give many billions of purchasing power. That purchasing power would have resulted in a larger demand for manufactured articles. Why should we give this purchasing power to foreign nations in order to satisfy the greed and grasping instinct of a few international bankers and international manufacturers? The fallacy of such a policy is so self-evident that we are sure the American people will not tolerate it, once they know the facts.

The $1,579,443,000 that we spent in buying imported agricultural products last year should have been paid to our own farmers. In place of destroying and restricting crop and animal production, we should have increased it. In place of decreasing our agricultural acreage 40,000,000, we should have increased it by over a hundred million. We, and not foreign people, should have supplied our people with these products. If this $1,579,443,000 had been equally distributed among our 6,000,000 farm families, each family would have received $263.24; or if we had distributed it equally among the 30,000,000 composing our farm population, it would have amounted to $52.65 for every man, woman and child. In place of that, we made a present of it to other nations who have already short-changed us over $26,000,000,000.

IMPORTS FLOOD AMERICA

During 1935 we imported 364,623 head of cattle, 34,143 hogs, and in addition 115,059,000 pounds of meat and meat products. During that same year we imported 22,674,000 pounds of butter, 48,932,000 pounds of cheese and 324,700,000 pounds of fish. During that same year we also imported over 4,839,000 bushels of barley, over 43,242,000 bushels of corn, over 10,106,000 bushels of oats, over 9,642,000 bushels of rye, and over 27,438,000 bushels of wheat.

During the first six months of this year, ending with June, we imported 280,103 head of cattle, 4,650 sheep, 65,359 hogs.

These are just a few of the many agricultural and other foreign products that this nation is being flooded with.

It is time that we realized that money spent in America continues to be spent in America, and that money spent in foreign nations will continue to be spent in foreign nations.

Our Federal Reserve Banking System, and our Treasury Department, by giving credit to foreign nations, are in fact financing foreign competitors to sell their products in this country. But this same Federal Reserve Banking System, and this same Treasury Department have consistently refused to do for our people that which they are doing for foreigners. They have failed to finance agriculture and industry. The truth is, we are getting altogether too internationally minded.

We know that we cannot successfully and to the advantage of our people trade away our domestic agricultural market to other nations any more than we can successfully, and to the advantage of our people, trade away our domestic manufacturing markets. Whenever we trade either one at the expense of the other the Nation as a whole suffers. "American domestic markets for Americans" must ever be our slogan.

LET FOREIGN TRADE CARE FOR ITSELF

Let international trade take care of itself. It has meant nothing but humiliation and loss to us in the past. We have no objection to that part of the international trade that is the natural result of our civilization and of our intercourse among nations, that which comes to us naturally and necessarily. But why buy products produced in foreign nations that we can produce ourselves? Why make a laughing stock of ourselves and trade away our domestic markets in order that the international manufacturers may sell a little more machinery and electrical equipment in foreign markets on credit — all at the ultimate expense of this Nation?

The United States, because of its great natural wealth and unlimited resources of raw material, has, through inventions and the ever-increasing discoveries of its people, become self-sufficient, and able to develop economic freedom for all. It can, and will, abolish poverty, not by mingling it with the poverty of other nations but by an ever-increasing and higher standard of living, not of the few but of the many. This Nation need no longer concern itself with international shopkeeping; it is all sufficient unto itself. It will trade with its friends, for friendship's sake, as far as essential and necessary for their mutual well being, but it will not drive bargains, or sell part of its people in foreign market places.

WHAT THE UNION PARTY OFFERS

On this subject the platform of the Union Party reads: paragraph 1, "America shall be self-contained and self-sustained — no foreign entanglements, be they political, economic, financial or military"; paragraph 7, "Congress shall legislate that American agricultural, industrial and commercial markets will be protected from manipulation of foreign moneys and from all raw material and processed goods produced abroad at less than a living wage."

Let me urge Americans in this campaign to disregard party affiliation. Support only such candidates as you know will drive the money changers out of the temple. Vote for progressive and liberal candidates for Congress regardless of their party affiliations.

This government is yours. This fight is not my fight, it is not the fight of the Union Party — but it is yours. If you will co-operate with us, not only passively but actively — not only today but every day until November 3, victory will be ours. Do not sleep at the switch, do not permit yourself to be again deceived as you have been deceived in recent years by vague and false promises.

THE PARTY OF THE COMMON PEOPLE

The Union Party is a party of the common-sense people. It needs your aid in abolishing economic slavery. It receives no large contributions from corporations. It does not barter away the sovereignty of the people either before or after the election because of such contributions. Therefore it must depend upon you who believe in its platform for contributions. If you will contribute one dollar or more, you will receive a certificate as a charter member of the Union Party, which is now being firmly established throughout the United States. Mail all contributions direct to Richard W. Wolfe, Treasurer, Union Party, 188 West Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois.

We ask and invite your support. Remember that in this great struggle only the dullard accepts the yoke, only the coward and the slave surrenders his liberty, the liberty of himself and his children, in exchange for a dole. And remember also that the Union Party will give an opportunity to all to become self-supporting and to make good.

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America is in the hands of the International Bankers. The two major political parties, Republicans and Democrats, for the last 40 years at least, have been nothing more than the agencies for these high-powered gangsters.

But the hour has struck and the test is here. The battle is on and the great mass of American citizens are arising, determined to win back their country and their economic freedom from the money parasites and pests who have bled and broken them.

They have chosen William Lemke for their leader. He symbolizes at the head of the Union Party movement the Americanism of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln. He is the candidate for President of the plain American people. He will be elected President of these United States on November 3, 1936, if YOU do your part. He is fighting for us, rather than we for him. The battle of the people must be fought by themselves. The people must finance their own campaigns. The international bankers and big business will not do it.

Will YOU do your part — not only by working in his behalf among your neighbors and friends, but by contributing as much as you can to the national campaign fund, which is imperative if the organization activities are to go forward as they should?

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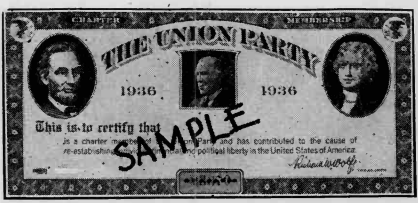

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